Jn.5:17 My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

INTRO. Wherever there is Life there is activity according to definite plan and purpose. And wherever there is activitynthere is work.

My Father worketh and I work, said Jesus

There can be no work without friction. Work wears things out.

The worn-out car or tool

The worn-out body. Dr.Jordan laid low.

The activities, and consequent frictions of Life create problems and new situations

Obstawles and opposition

Misfits and wrongs

Pain and suffering and death

What has our Xn religion to do with our work? Does our religion help us in our facing situations and solving problems?

I. Religion exalts our work.

1. It makes us kin to the Universal Worker-God

My Father worketh and I work

2. It inspires labor with the highest motives and ideals

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Never in a costly palace did I rest on goldmn bed,
Never in a hermit's cavern have I eaten idle bread.
Born within a lowly stable. where the cattle round me stood,
Trained a carpenter in Nazareth, I have toiled and found it good.
They who tread the path of labor follow where my feet have trod;
They who work without complaining do the holy will of God.
Where the many toil together, there am I among my own;
Where the tired workman sleepeth,there am I with him alone.
I, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwell among the daily strife.
I, the bread of heaven, am broken in the sacrament of life.

88. II. Religion helps one to face his problems and meet his situations.

1. Not that it always solves our problems, for it does no Life remains largely a mystery. The Why of sin, suffering and death is never answered, but religion helps one to adjust humself to his situations.

To know that God is love and goodness, that He is our Heavenly Father, that God is the Great Physician who heals and mends all our ways and that i Christ He is ever with us as our friend and guide gives to the discouraged and hopeless a new lase on life.

What the garages are to our cars, God is to the soul

III. Religion gives us a right sense of values.

It points out the real worth while things of life
Character, blessing to others, eternal life

The peace and rest and stability amidst the ever-changing restless world of activities.
God is Spirit, the same yeaterday, today and forever
We are Spitit
Tho the body break down and decay, our Spirits remain with God